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Each number is of separate interest. At the same time a continuity is preserved. Its general object is to entertain rather than to elevate.

This number of THE CHAPBOOK completes the first half-year of its existence. It is proposed to treat these six numbers now issued as VOLUME 1. Portfolios to contain copies loose are in preparation, and also binding cases in which they can be bound up complete in their covers. The second Volume will be planned so as to include the 12 issues of 1920.

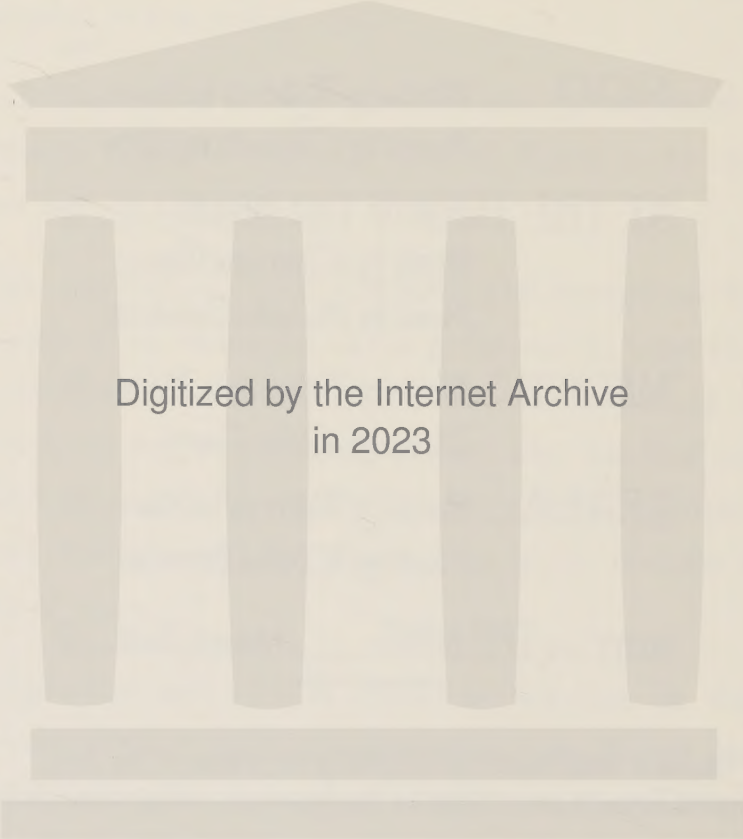
Imaginative and critical literature has not, in this first half-year, been so fully represented as was at first planned. Nevertheless, the increasing support accorded to each successive number is ample proof that THE CHAPBOOK has not failed to interest its numerous readers.

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NOD

Softly along the road of evening,
In a twilight dim with rose,
Wrinkled with age, and drenched with dew
Old Nod, the shepherd, goes.

His drowsy flock streams on before him,
Their fleeces charged with gold,
To where the sun's last beam leans low
On Nod the shepherd's fold.

The hedge is quick and green with briar,
From their sand the conies creep;
And all the birds that fly in heaven
Flock singing home to sleep.

His lambs outnumber a noon's roses,
Yet, when night's shadows fall,
His blind old sheep-dog, Slumber-soon,
Misses not one of all.

His are the quiet steeps of dreamland,
The waters of no-more-pain,
His ram's bell rings 'neath an arch of stars,
"Rest, rest, and rest again."

Walter de la Mare.

NOD

Words by

WALTER DELA MARE

Music by

C. ARMSTRONG GIBBS

Voice. *Dolce e molto legato* *p* Soft-ly a-long the

Piano. *Dolce e molto legato* *p*

road of even - - ing in a twi-light dim with rose

Wrinkled with age and drenched with dew Old Nod the shep-herd

goes His drowsy flock streams on be-fore

him Their fleeces charged with gold To

where the sun's last beam leans low On Nod the shep-herd's

The first system of the musical score. The vocal line is in D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment consists of a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "where the sun's last beam leans low On Nod the shep-herd's".

fold The hedge is quick and

The second system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with a long note for "fold" followed by a rest, then "The hedge is quick and". The piano accompaniment continues. Dynamics include *pp* (pianissimo) in the vocal line and *pp* in the piano accompaniment.

green with briar From their sand the con-ies creep

The third system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with "green with briar From their sand the con-ies creep". The piano accompaniment continues. The page number 6 is centered below the piano staff.

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And all the birds that fly in heav'n Flock sing - - - ing

The first system of a musical score in G major (one sharp). It consists of a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

home to sleep His lambs out - num - ber a

Più mosso

pp

Più mosso

The second system continues the piece. The vocal line has a longer rest before the lyrics 'home to sleep'. The piano accompaniment includes a *pp* (pianissimo) marking. The tempo instruction *Più mosso* appears twice, once above the vocal staff and once above the piano staff.

noon's ros - es Yet , when night's

The third system concludes the page. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'noon's ros - es' and 'Yet , when night's'. The piano accompaniment maintains its rhythmic pattern.

shad - ows fall . . . His blind old sheep - dog ,

Slum - ber - soon . . . Misses not one of

Tempo primo
all . . . His are the quiet

steeps of dream - land The waters of no - - more - -

The first system of the musical score. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a half note B4. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a slower eighth-note pattern in the left hand.

pain His ram's bell rings 'neath an arch of stars , Rest ,

The second system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with a half note C5, followed by a quarter note D5, and then a half note E5. The piano accompaniment maintains the eighth-note patterns. The tempo marking *calando* appears above the vocal line.

rest , and rest . . . a - gain

The third system of the musical score. The vocal line concludes with a half note F#5, followed by a quarter note G5, and then a half note A5. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note patterns. The tempo marking *calando* is present, and the dynamic marking *ppp* (pianissimo) is placed above the piano part. The page number 9 is centered at the bottom.

AT THE TURN OF THE BURN

At the turn
Of the burn
Where the chatter of the stream
With a dash
And a splash
Weaves its song into your dream .
Through the dream the ripples rush,
Calling "Listen !"
"Listen ! " "Listen !"
While the tree-tops whisper "Hush !"

As you sleep,
Soft winds creep
And set the harebells ringing
Fairy chimes,
To the rhymes
You can hear the Fairies singing .
Through the rhymes the ripples rush,
Calling "Listen !"
"Listen ! " "Listen !"
While the tree-tops whisper "Hush !"

G. Townsend Warner .

AT THE TURN OF THE BURN

Words by

G. TOWNSEND WARNER

Music by

MALCOLM DAVIDSON

Voice. *Moderato*

Piano. *Moderato*

mp

At the turn of the burn, where the chatter of the stream, With a dash and a

p *mp*

p

splash, weaves its song into your dream.

p *mp*

p

Through the dream line ripples rush

p

poco meno mosso
mp

Call ing , List - - - en ! List - - - en !

poco meno mosso
mp *p*

pp *a tempo* *p*

List - - - en! While the tree-tops whisp - - - er, Hush!

poco piu. mosso. *p*

As you sleep soft winds creep, and set the hare-bells.

poco piu. mosso *pp*

ring - - ing Fairy chimes , to the rhymes you can hear the Fair - - - ies

The first system of the musical score is in G major (one sharp). The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of eighth notes: B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with a continuous eighth-note pattern (G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4) and a left hand with a simple bass line (G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3).

sing - - - ing

mp *a tempo primo*

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of eighth notes: B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The piano accompaniment features a right hand with a continuous eighth-note pattern (G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4) and a left hand with a simple bass line (G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3). The tempo marking *a tempo primo* is present.

Through the rhymes the rip-ples rush

p

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of eighth notes: B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The piano accompaniment features a right hand with a continuous eighth-note pattern (G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4) and a left hand with a simple bass line (G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3). The dynamic marking *p* is present.

poco meno mosso
mp *p* *pp*
 Call - - - ing, List - - - en! List - - - en! List - - - en!

a tempo *p* *poco rit.*
 While the tree-tops whisp - - - er, Hush! Hush!

a tempo *poco rit.*
p *p*

a tempo *pp* *mp* *pp* *ppp*
 Hush!

a tempo
pp *mp* *pp* *ppp*

MELMILLO

Three and thirty birds there stood
In an elder in a wood ;
Called Melmillo — flew off three ,
Leaving thirty in the tree ;
Called Melmillo — nine now gone ,
And the boughs held twenty-one ;
Called Melmillo — and eighteen
Left but three to nod and preen ;
Called Melmillo — three two one —
Now of birds were feathers none .

Then stole slim Melmillo in
To that wood all dusk and green ,
And with lean long palms outspread
Softly a strange dance did tread ;
Not a note of music she
Had for echoing company ;
All the birds were flown to rest
In the hollow of her breast ;
In the wood — thorn , elder , willow —
Danced alone — lone danced Melmillo .

Walter de la Mare .

MELMILLO

Words by

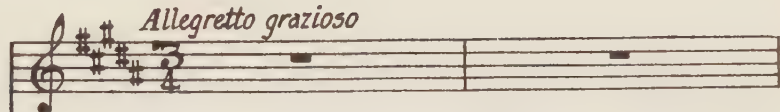
WALTER DE LAMARE

Music by

CLIVE CAREY

Voice.

Allegretto grazioso



Piano.

Allegretto grazioso

p



p

Three and thirty birds there



stood, In an eld - - er in a wood;

The first system of the musical score is in G major (one sharp). The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4-A4. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with eighth-note chords and a left hand with a steady eighth-note bass line.

Call'd Melmillo — flew off three, Leaving thirty in the

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4-A4. The piano accompaniment features a right hand with eighth-note chords and a left hand with a steady eighth-note bass line.

tree ; — Call'd Melmillo — nine now gone .

The third system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4-A4. The piano accompaniment features a right hand with eighth-note chords and a left hand with a steady eighth-note bass line.

And the boughs held twenty - one ; Call'd Melmillo —

and eighteen Left but three to nod and preen ;

Call'd Melmillo — three — two — one —

Now of birds were feathers none .

dim.

rit *a tempo*

Then stole slim Mel-mil-lo in To that

rit *a tempo* *p*

wood all dusk and green . , And with lean long

dim

palms out - spread Soft - - - ly a strange

The first system of the musical score is in G major (one sharp). The vocal line begins with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, and C, then a half note D. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a similar pattern in the left hand, with some chords and grace notes.

dance did tread.

The second system continues the vocal line with a half note D, followed by quarter notes E, F, and G, then a half note A. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern, incorporating some chords and grace notes.

molto tranquillo

Not a note of music she Had for echo-ing company ;

molto tranquillo

The third system is marked *molto tranquillo*. The vocal line begins with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, and C, then a half note D. The piano accompaniment is more sparse, with a half note G in the right hand and a half note D in the left hand, followed by a half note E. The system ends with a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.

All the birds were flown to rest In the hol-low of her

pp sub.

breast ; In the wood—

poco rit. *a tempo mp*

thorn, el-der, wil-low— Danced a-lone

Ped.

lone

8va.

dim.

p

*

danced Mel - mil - low

colla voce

a tempo

Ped.

*

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ARABIA

Far are the shades of Arabia ,
Where the Princes ride at noon ,
'Mid the verdurous vales and thickets
Under the ghost of the moon
And so dark is that vaulted purple ,
Flow'rs in the forest rise ,
And toss into blossom 'gainst the phantom stars,
Pale in the noonday skies .

Sweet is the music of Arabia
In my heart , when out of dreams
I still in the thin clear mirk of dawn
Descry her gliding streams .
Hear her strange lutes on the green banks ,
Ring loud with the grief and delight
Of the dim-silk'd, dark-hair'd musicians
In the brooding silence of night .

They haunt me, her lutes and her forests ,
No beauty on earth I see ,
But shadow'd with that dream recalls
Her loveliness to me .
Still eyes look coldly upon me ,
Cold voices whisper and say -
"He is craz'd with the spell of far Arabia
They have stolen his wits away".

Walter de la Mare .

ARABIA

Words by

WALTER DE LA MARE

Music by

W. DENIS BROWNE

Lento

Voice.

Piano.

p

rit.

ppp

pp

Far are the shades of A-

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- ra - bia , Where the Princes ride at noon , 'Mid the ver-du-rous vales and

thickets , Under the ghost of the moon . And so dark is that

vaulted pur - ple , Flow'rs in the forest rise , . . And toss in-to blossom 'gainst the phantom

cres. e poco accel. *a tempo* *f* *mf*

cres e poco accel. *a tempo*

dim. *Poco più mosso*

stars, Pale in the noonday skies.

dim. *Poco più mosso*

d. = d

Sweet is the mu-sic of A-ra-bia in my heart,

d. = d

ppp

When out of dreams I still in the thin clear mirk of dawn De-

- scry her gliding streams, (-q)

gva Hear her strange lutes on the

pp presto

gva green banks Ring loud with the grief and de-light Of the dim-silk'd ,

piccola pausa *rit.*

dark-hair'd mu-si-cians In the brooding si-lence of night.

Tempo I. Lento *pp*

They haunt me, her lutes and her fo-rests,

Tempo I. Lento *ppp* *col. Ped.*

No beau-ty on earth I see

But shadow'd . . . with that dream . . . re-calls . . .

gua

Her love - li - ness to me . . .

gua

gua

Still eyes . . look cold-ly up-on me , Cold voices

pp

p

whis - - per and say . . . He is craz'd with the spell of far A-ra-bia ,

tempo perdulo

Molto più lento

Ped.

They have stolen his wits a-way!

POETRY and SONG, springing from the same impulse, were once inseparable. As each art developed, their courses diverged. Music fell under the domination of instruments; poetry lapsed more and more into the silence of the printed page. Only at rare moments have voice and verse been closely reunited, as they were in the Elizabethan age. In our own day poets and composers are strangers one to another.

It is rare to find poets who desire a musical setting, rarer still to find musicians who appreciate poetry.

The four songs here for the first time printed have been chosen to show that between contemporary poets and musicians a more intimate understanding is not impossible.

EDWARD J. DENT.

IN the second volume of THE CHAPBOOK contemporary poetry and drama will be fully represented. Critical numbers, also, have been arranged which should prove of considerable interest to those whom they may concern. The following is a draft of the projected scheme :

1920

- No. 7. January : New Poems by Contemporary Poets.
- No. 8. February : Critical Essays on Contemporary Poetry.
- No. 9. March : A Survey of American Poetry.
- No. 10. April : A Survey of General English Literature.
- No. 11. May : (Not settled.)
- No. 12. June : Modern Poets : A bibliographical Handbook.
- No. 13. July : New Poems by Contemporary Poets.
- No. 14. August : (Not settled.)
- No. 15. September : An Essay on *Free Verse* (probably).
- No. 16. October : A Survey of Contemporary French Poetry, by F. S. Flint.
- No. 17. November : Modern Drama : a Critical Survey.
- No. 18. December : (Not settled.)

The following numbers of THE CHAPBOOK have already appeared :—

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